

The Wyeth Patient Assistant Program has been a very successful way for seniors in Richmond and the Nation to get lifesaving medicines free of charge. Wyeth employees are good community partners for Richmond and a group of people that we need to recognize for their kindness and compassion.

But we as Americans can and must do more to help our seniors afford prescription drugs.

Providing voluntary prescription drug coverage to Medicare beneficiaries will ensure that America's seniors will be able to enjoy their golden years while we as their children and grandchildren will be able to enjoy their wisdom and good health. Both a noble and worthy cause.

TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE BOB STUMP

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 25, 2003

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, today I join my colleagues as we pay tribute to our friend, Bob Stump of Arizona. I was deeply saddened to learn of his passing last weekend. I join my colleagues in extending our deepest sympathy to Bob's wife, Nancy, his children, and his entire family.

Bob Stump was my first friend in Congress. Almost 26 years ago, two newly-elected Members of Congress sat down next to each other at an organizational caucus for the 95th Congress, and formed a friendship that has endured and grown through the years. You have to understand that when we met, Bob Stump and I thought we were pretty important. After all, we had both served in the State Legislatures of Arizona and Missouri—as Senators. But we both adjusted and came to love the House of Representatives.

It should be no surprise that I liked Bob from the first time I met him. I could tell immediately that he was a person of character and integrity. He was a true son of the old Southwest:

Strong, yet gentle.
Tough, yet compassionate.
Fiercely independent, yet unfailingly loyal.

He was born in Phoenix in 1927, just 15 years after Arizona joined the Union as the 48th State. He was only 16 when he demonstrated the love of country and the patriotism that would characterize his life in public service. He left high school to join the Navy in 1943, and before his 20th birthday, he had served in combat in World War II. It was no doubt during this time that Bob acquired his life-long respect for the men and women who serve our Nation in uniform. This respect became a commitment, and the commitment became the hallmark of Bob's service here in Congress. As Chairman of both the Armed Services Committee and the Veterans Committee, he worked tirelessly on behalf of our men and women in uniform and our veterans.

No one has done more to ensure that our military and their families have decent pay and benefits, the best equipment and training, and quality housing and facilities. No one has done more to ensure that our Nation honors its commitments to its veterans.

Only last October, Bob's portrait was unveiled at the Armed Services Committee and

placed up on the wall where it belongs—among the other great leaders who have chaired the Committee through the years. I feel blessed that I had the opportunity to work closely with Bob during the past two years in my role as Ranking Member of the House Armed Services Committee. As Chairman, he was respectful of others, fair, and honorable. Knowing him as I do, I would have expected no less. On most issues which Congress has faced over these many years, we agreed. On those rare occasions where we did not agree, our disagreement never got in the way of our friendship, and for that I am grateful.

KELLY SHINN'S ESSAY

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 25, 2003

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to read the essay of Kelly Shinn, a member of the Valley Center Teenage Republican Club.

Being a part of the Teenage Republican club and working for the Republican Party means I have accepted the republican values. By accepting these values I have so far been affected by the party's efforts to keep public schools excellent and accountable. These values will also affect me in the future.

The value of ensuring affordable and accessible health care for children, families, and seniors has already affected my life. Without affordable health care I would not have been able to receive the medical assistance I needed to treat my Irritable Bowel Syndrome and get rid of a stomach parasite. These values will also affect my future and the future of my family. When I start a family of my own I will need affordable health care to keep my husband and children healthy and safe.

Also the value to ensure excellent and accountable public schools for children has already affected and will continue to affect me later in life. I have always attended public schools and because of the Republican Party's fight to keep the public school districts accountable, I have received a wonderful education. My education has given me the confidence I need to continue learning after high school. Keeping schools accountable and excellent will also affect my children. I want to give my children the same opportunity to receive a solid education and the only way to do this is to support the Republican Party.

All of the values that are held by the Republican Party will help secure a government that exists to protect the freedom of each individual. And this means that America will continue to be the home of the brave.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHRISTOPHER BALOGH FOR BEING HONORED WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD GOLD MEDAL

HON. E. CLAY SHAW, JR.

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 25, 2003

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Christopher Balogh of Jupiter, FL, for receiving the Congressional Award Gold Medal. It is my pleasure to congratulate this

fine young resident of the 22nd Congressional District of Florida who has been incredibly dedicated to the betterment of not only his community but himself.

Mr. Speaker, the Congressional Award Gold Medal requires more than 3 years to complete a minimum of 800 hours of community service, 200 hours in both personal development and physical fitness, in addition to a total of four nights of expedition/exploration. These are cumulative hours as Christopher has previously earned the Bronze and Silver Medals. I applaud his hard work and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again congratulate Christopher Balogh of my district who is being presented with the Congressional Award Gold Medal today. The outstanding work done by this dedicated young man has been truly influential in his community, and I congratulate him as he is recognized among the Nation's most outstanding young people.

RECOGNIZING THE COMMITTEE FOR CITIZEN AWARENESS

HON. PHILIP M. CRANE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 25, 2003

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, at a time when strained Federal, State, and local budgets are affecting our country's funding for the education of our people, some individuals and organizations in our private sector are doing something about it. They have combined efforts with the Committee for Citizen Awareness (CCA) to provide all the secondary schools and many others in their area with free educational videotapes. These videotapes explain civic issues about our country and how our government works.

The CCA is a nearly two-decade-old not-for-profit organization that produces and distributes award-winning educational videotapes that focus on civic issues. These videotapes feature appearances by people such as Secretary of State Colin Powell, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, many Members of the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senators, and other pertinent individuals.

The subjects covered in these videotapes are particularly important for a number of reasons. For example, although America is the world's greatest democracy, our people vote at a rate lower than any other country. Surveys have shown that one of the major reasons for not using the right to vote is a general lack of understanding of our government and the citizen's role in it. One of the many civic goals of the CCA and these civic-minded individuals and organizations is to correct this problem with the gift of these educational videotapes.

The videotapes are given free to all the public and private high schools, community and junior colleges, community access television stations, and to many libraries and chambers of commerce. Our country and our democracy are better because of the efforts of the CCA and because of its countless dedicated sponsors.